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FOLLOWING REPEAT GABORONE 1469 SENT ACTION SECSTATE INFO DAR
ES SALAAM, JOHANNESBURG, LUSAKA, MAPUTO, MASERU, MBABANE,
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QUOTE C O N F I D E N T I A L GABORONE 1469

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: PRC "AGRICULTURAL TEAM" SEEKS PROJECT BORDERING
SOUTH AFRICA

REF: (A) GABORONE 655, (B) GABORONE A-30, (C) HOOVER
MEMCON JUNE 13 (NOTAL)

1. RELIABLY INFORMED SENIOR U.S. EXPATRIATE EMPLOYEE OF MINAG
TOLD DCM JULY 3 THAT CHINESE "AGRICULTURAL SURVEY TEAM" HAD
INSISTED ON GOING TO TULI BLOCK (BORDERING SOUTH AFRICA) TO
EXPLORE POSSIBILITY OF DOING AN AGRICULTURAL PROJECT ON THE
LIMPOPO RIVER.

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WM THIS INSISTENCE WAS MANIFEST DESPITE FACT THAT CHINESE
WERE TOLD TULI BLOCK CONSISTS ALMOST ENTIRELY OF FREEHOLD
FARMS (MANY EUROPEAN-OWNED). THEY SHOWED NO INTEREST IN
PROJECTS IN OKAVANGO OR OTHER AREAS REMOTE FROM THE INTER-
NATIONAL BORDER, BUT APPEAR DETERMINED TO ESTABLISH
SOME PRESENCE ALONG THE LIMPOPO. THE GOV NOW REGRETS
THAT INVITATION TO SURVEY TEAM, ISSUED DURING EUPHORIA

OF PRESIDENT KHAMA' S TRIP LAST YEAR TO PRC, WAS EVER
MADE.

3. COMMENT: IF CHINESE WERE INTERESTED IN ARMS SUPPLY
OR OTHER CONTACTS WITH SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONALISTS, NOT-
ABLY THEIR FRIENDS IN THE PAN AFRICANIST CONGRESS (PAC),
APPRECIATE INFORMED REACTIONS OF ANY ADDEE POSTS. END
COMMENT. NORLAND

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